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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add newly submitted Claims 30-54 as follows:

30. A hemodialysis apparatus, comprising:

(a) a dialysate-delivery system for supplying dialysate to a hemodialyzer, the dialysate-delivery system comprising at least one unit selected from the group consisting of (i) a dialysate-preparation unit, (ii) a dialysate-circulation unit, (iii) an ultrafiltrate-removal unit, and (iv) a dialysate-monitoring unit; and

(b) a user/machine interface operably connected to the dialysate-delivery system, the user/machine interface comprising a touch screen that displays information corresponding to a setting of a parameter pertinent to operation of the hemodialysis apparatus, the touch screen being

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